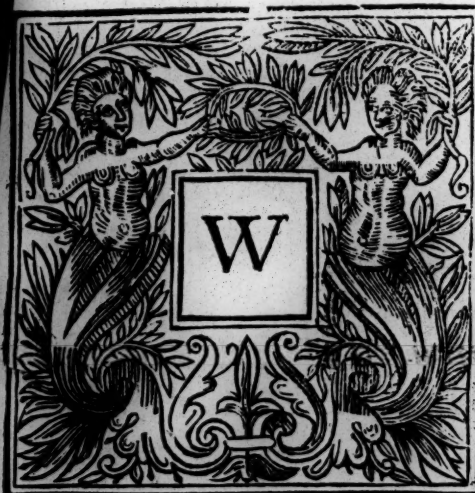


At a Court of War, held at White-hall,

Thursday the Fourteenth of November, 1650.



Hereas this Court is informed, that divers disorders and abuses are committed by severall Officers and Souldiers of the Army, especially by such as of late have been sent as recruits to the Army in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, in their respective marches through the Countries; by wounding some, beating others, seizing and impressing of Horses by Souldiers and inferiour officers, without any just ground or Warrant, or giving any satisfaction for the same: This Court to manifest their utter dislike thereof, and desire to bring all such offenders to justice, and to prevent the same for time to come: Doe hereby Order, and strictly charge and require, all Officers, and particularly all Conductors of Recruits into *Ireland* and *Scotland*, or Commanders of Parties, that they take especiall care to prevent any inferiour Officers and Souldiers under their Command, from committing any disorders or abuses, and upon complaint thereof, forthwith to redresse the same, and bring the offenders to condigne punishment. And hereof they are not to faile, as they will answer the contrary at a Court of War, upon complaint made of their negligence therein.

And it is further Ordered, That no Officer or Souldier shall presume to seize or presse any Horse or Mare from any Country-man, except by Warrant under the Hand and Seale of one of the field Officers at the least, or the chiefe Commander of the Party under whom they march respectively, and that to be onely in cases of urgent necessity, provided also that they give reasonable satisfaction for the same, and all field Officers, other chiefe Officers and Commanders of Parties, are to take notice hereof accordingly.

And all Constables and others whom it may concerne, may forbear to obey any Warrant brought to them by any Officer or Souldier of the Army for impressing of Horses, &c. except they be Signed and Sealed by a field Officer, or the Commander in chief of the Party, and reasonable satisfaction given as aforesaid.

And whereas this Court is further informed, that divers Souldiers in this time of service, have taken and doe often take the boldnesse and liberty to depart from their Colours and Officers out of *Scotland* into *England*, and upon their march, out of *England* into *Scotland*, and into, and out of *Ireland* without leave, to the great disservice and prejudice of this Common-Wealth, notwithstanding by the Lawes of Warre, they are for such offence to suffer death. This Court doth hereby strictly charge and command all Officers, Souldiers and others whomsoever, who have departed from their Colours or Officers without leave, (who are not yet apprehended) that they doe forthwith after publication hereof, make their repaire to their said Colours, and Officers upon paine of death, according to the Lawes of Warre; and to authorize, desire and require respectively, all Governours and Officers, both in Field and Garrison, Souldiers, Constables, and others whom it may concerne, to make diligent search and inquiry for any the said Run-awayes, and if they shall not be gone forthwith after publication hereof as aforesaid, to apprehend and secure them, to the end they may be proceeded against at a Court of Warre, according to the said Lawes of Warre: And forasmuch as many of the said Run-awayes may be apprehended in places farre distant from the head Quarters at *London*, so that they are not like to bee sent (and witnesses repaire) thither without great charge and trouble. It is Ordered that the said Governours and other Officers in Field or Garrison, shall secure such as they shall discover and apprehend, in their respective Garrisons and Quarters, and give notice thereof from time to time, to Major Generall *Harrison*, to the end that directions may be given for further proceedings against them as aforesaid: And that such of them as shall be discovered and apprehended above the distance of thirty miles from *London*, by the said Constables and others, shall be delivered to the Governour of the Garrison next adjacent to the place where they shall be apprehended, or to the chiefe Officers nearest quartering thereunto. And the said Governours and Officers are to receive them, and give notice thereof as before; and that those that shall be apprehended by the said Constables, &c. within the said distance of thirty miles of *London*, shall be sent and delivered into the hands of the provest Marshall at the head Quarters at the *Mewes* neare *White-Hall*, except they can deliver them to any Commission Officer of the Army in Quarter or Garrison, nearer to the place where such Run-awayes shall be apprehended; who are also hereby desired to receive such as shall be delivered to them, and send them to the head Quarters at *London* as aforesaid.

And to the end these Orders may be effectually put in execution, all Governours of Garrisons, Collonels, Captaines, and other Officers whom it may concerne, are hereby respectively required to publish the same in their Garrisons, and in the quarters of their Regiments, Troops, and Companies, and that they cause them to be affixed upon the Guards and Market places of their Quarters, and so kept from time to time, and to that end that the same be Printed to be published accordingly.

T. Margetts, Adv.

I Doe hereby approve and confirme the Orders of the Court of Warre above written, and require all Officers, Souldiers, and others whom it may concerne, to observe and put the same in execution, with effect accordingly.
Given under my Hand at White-Hall the sixteenth day of November, 1650.

T. Harrison.